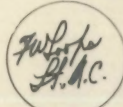


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Hello folks,

Even some more V mail arrived! Guess I just plain don't have an excuse not to write! This second batch was mailed on June 12th. - Now just write me something to write about and I guess I'll not even be able to complain! Also got a birthday card from Daddy. - Its funny. - I got one from Mom and Mama about last Saturday - and Daddy's today. - Guess they must have been mailed at the same time, yet. - I guess they came over on different boats.

Haven't done much this week. Flown a bit and yesterday a gang of us went swimming for awhile in the Mediterranean. This afternoon John Freeman stopped by for a chat. - He is in the 320th Gp. - but not too far from our field. - It was the first time I had seen him in over a month. He drops each other rather from time to time but they take as long to go as mail to and from the States. - It would be too simple to tie our little to a stone, and drop it as we fly over!

Had some local entertainment last night. - Some French girls came to sing & dance - and there was a trained dog act as good as any I've ever seen. - Early next week Bob Hope is scheduled to be in the neighborhood. - A notice on the bulletin board says we will be picked up in trucks, soon to go and see him! - Don't think any of us will miss that if we can help it!

Got a V mail from Mabel telling me of Janie's birthday. - Like a gal she's growing to be! - Bye for now and lots of love. Frank

V...-MAIL

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